

The challenge that we have here is that we have an individual who has admitted that she actually was a part of a group to do tree spiking. Now, what we don't know is if she actually drove a spike. We have no idea. But we do know that she turned evidence on the other people who did and admitted as a part of her plea bargain that she is the one who actually did the letter from a rented typewriter to be able to make sure she couldn't be traced and even in the letter said: If you find me, it would be "your worst nightmare."

So what do we do about this? Typically, when you are going to deal with the person who handles forestry for the United States and the Bureau of Land Management and you find out this person has been involved in tree spiking, which actually is designed to injure or kill people who are logging or people who are actually harvesting the lumber in the sawmills and actually processing that lumber, it would cause a pause.

I cannot imagine what it is going to be if she is actually confirmed in this position, and the individuals who come to her to get a permit to be able to do any kind of forestry work, because they would have to actually come to her office, what they would think when they actually walked through the door, because the Bureau of Land Management notices timber sales and signs off on timber sales for the country. The Bureau of Land Management is the one that makes forest product sale plans. The Bureau of Land Management is the one that develops, maintains, and revises the plans for all public management, including identifying areas for timber sales. In fact, the Bureau of Land Management is also the group who sends in the firefighters to the wildfires to be able to put out the fires, which could be including some of these same trees in the days ahead that apparently still have the spikes in them from decades ago. Understanding this is not just a loose issue. Individuals from the Biden administration just recently have talked about how timber harvesters and haulers are critical to forest management across the country. We need these individuals to help with our forest management. We have wildfires in the areas that individuals in the Biden administration have testified because we are actually not maintaining our forest management enough. We are not doing enough harvesting and thinning in those areas, and so it is actually a problem.

In fact, Christopher French, the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, recently testified the Forest Service research indicates we need to dramatically increase the extent of impact of fuels treatment, such as thinning, harvesting, planting, and prescribed burning across all landscapes.

But yet the leader for the Bureau of Land Management who has been recommended is an individual who has been outspoken in opposition, so much so that she has been active in actually promoting spiking trees.

And it is not just spiking trees. It has also been her environmental issues about grazing land—understanding the Bureau of Land Management is responsible for millions of acres of grazing pastureland across the West. Because the Federal Government owns so much land across the West, many ranchers actually then lease out some of that land for grazing. She has been outspoken as an opponent against this. That is not going to help our ranchers across the West.

And what was most stark to me was this presentation that she had years ago, where she designed several of what she considered to be environmental-focused advertisements, this being one of them where she has a picture of a young girl, and the heading is: "Can you find the environmental hazard in this photo?"

And then she lists out at the bottom of it: "That's right. It's the cute baby that's the environmental hazard."

With this statement below that, she wrote: "We breed more than any other industrialized nation."

Listen, I understand every President has the right to pick their team, but when the leader of the Bureau of Land Management considers this little girl to be an environmental hazard, have we not crossed a threshold of saying our problem with our environment is that we have too many little girls?

Honestly, is anyone else disturbed by this as a possibility to lead the Bureau of Land Management, to make a decision about how we are going to manage our forests, how we are going to handle our grazing land, and what is going to be the general attitude about permitting and people?

Because, apparently, from what she wrote, one of the biggest environmental hazards we have as a country is we breed too much.

I don't think that little girl is a hazard. I think it is a little girl. And I will absolutely oppose Tracy Stone-Manning to lead the Bureau of Land Management. And I would ask my colleagues, even one of my colleagues on the other side, to say: Do you not see a problem with this nominee?

If so, let's find another person. Surely there is another Democrat out there who doesn't have this set of views, who can lead our forestry, our grazing area, and our mineral rights. Surely there is one more Democrat who is out there somewhere who does not share these views, because I don't think that little girl is a hazard. I think she is a blessing.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be able to speak for 5 minutes and, following me, the Senator from Wyoming be able to speak for 8 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING MIKE ENZI

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I rise to speak about the life and legacy of our friend, Mike Enzi, and his sudden loss.

I saw Mike via Zoom just last week at the Senate prayer breakfast. Mike got up a little earlier than the rest of us to be able to join us over the internet from Wyoming. But he liked participating in the prayer breakfast. And as we were reminded by some of our colleagues—I think Senator LANKFORD may have mentioned it—Mike could always be depended on if somebody was a last-minute cancellation, which happened from time to time.

Of course, it had only been a matter of a few months since Mike had retired, marking the conclusion of a storied career in public service. Mike literally did it all. He served in the military and at every level of government, from the mayor's office in Gillette to the State legislature, to here in the U.S. Senate. And he always put the people of Wyoming first.

Mike was pretty unique in this place because he never sought the spotlight. In many ways, it seemed like he was allergic to getting any sort of attention from the press or otherwise. Whether he was in the midst of a high-pressure negotiation or celebrating a big legislative victory, Mike did not run to the TV cameras or reporters in the hallways. He preferred to work quietly behind the scenes, effectively resolving differences in a quiet, thoughtful way. And once he succeeded, he didn't claim the credit for himself. He claimed credit for others.

During Mike's 24 years in the Senate, he certainly had a lot of successes to celebrate, and he let me in on his winning formula not long after I got here. At the time, he and the liberal lion of the Senate, Teddy Kennedy, were chairman and ranking member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. I think they may have swapped out as majorities changed; one became chairman, and the other became ranking member.

But I asked him how Mike, the staunch Western conservative that he was, could work so productively with somebody who shared very different views. And he told me it is easy. It is the 80-20 rule. You are not going to agree or disagree with 100 percent of what someone has to say, but if you focus on the 20 percent or that that you will never agree on, you overlook the 80 percent that you can agree on.

Well, as simple as it may sound, it is a winning formula for success here in the Senate, and more of us should practice the 80-20 rule. At a time when more attention is paid to what divides us than what unites us, I hope the legacy of Mike Enzi and the 80-20 rule will remain a constant in the Senate.

As we honor the life and legacy of our good friend, Mike Enzi, there is another favorite saying of his that has been on my mind. He used to say: You have to have an attitude of gratitude.

Well, Mike was always grateful—grateful to God, grateful to live in this great country, grateful to the people of Wyoming for the opportunity to serve them, and, of course, grateful for his

wonderful family and their endless love and support.

Sandy and I send our condolences to Mike's wife Diana, their children, grandchildren, and the entire Enzi clan. We are grateful to them that they shared their beloved patriarch with us for so many years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

NOMINATION OF TRACY STONE-MANNING

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor this afternoon because we have heard a lot here today about Tracy Stone-Manning, her nomination to head the Bureau of Land Management, and how completely disqualified she is for that post.

As you have heard, it is a critically important Agency, especially for those of us in Western States. It manages almost one-eighth of the entire land mass of the United States. In my home State of Wyoming, the Bureau of Land Management oversees 18 million acres. If you came to the Energy Committee, and as I told my friend and colleague JOE MANCHIN, that is more territory than the entire State of his home State of West Virginia; and in the case of the Presiding Officer, more than the size of your State by a lot.

It is not just my State. This Agency oversees 12 million acres of public land in Arizona, 48 million acres of land in Nevada, and 8 million in Montana. It is like that all across the West. Included in the land that it manages is almost 65 million acres of Federal forests.

The Bureau is also responsible for hundreds of millions of acres of mineral land below the surface. It is critical to America's energy independence. There is a lot of energy that is under those lands.

Tracy Stone-Manning has no business leading this agency—none whatsoever. She helped plan a tree spiking in one of our country's National Forests. She sent a threatening letter to the U.S. Forest Service about it. She did not cooperate with Federal investigators, blocked the investigation, only testified when she received immunity, and lied to our committee about it.

There is bipartisan concern about this nomination. I will tell you Bob Abbey, who was President Obama's Director of Bureau of Land Management, said that her actions "should disqualify" her. This is President Obama's nominee to run that Bureau. Because Bob Abbey understands the job and knows her involvement with tree spiking, it should eliminate her from any consideration.

So Steve Ellis, who was the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Land Management during the Obama administration, and he was the highest ranking career official at the Agency, he raised concerns about Stone-Manning as well. This is what he said. He said:

Much of the focus seems to be whether this is a Democrat or Republican thing, but [he said] the lens that I look at this through is as a 38-year career person in both agencies, and that letter she wrote went to my Forest Service colleagues on the Clearwater.

He makes a very important point. How can the men and women of the Bureau of Land Management, people who have devoted their lives to work for this Agency, how can they respect President Biden's nominee, Tracy Stone-Manning, when they know she threatened their colleagues at the U.S. Forest Service?

Conservation organizations have begun to pull their support as well. The Dallas Safari Club and the Houston Safari Club, which each represent thousands of outdoorsmen and -women have both now reversed their support and now publicly oppose her nomination now that they have learned this additional information.

Radical ideas are nothing new for Tracy Stone-Manning. Around the time of the criminal tree spiking, she wrote her graduate thesis. In her thesis, she argued that Americans need to have fewer children because children are a threat to the environment. She even made ads to promote these ideas. These are ideas you hear in Communist China, not from a nominee to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Now, some Democrats have defended Tracy Stone-Manning by saying this tree spiking was decades ago. Her radical views have not changed, I will assure you, Mr. President, because right now many States in the West are burning from raging, dangerous wildfires.

Management of these fires has become a constant conservation—or conversation at the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and on the Senate floor, and we actually discussed it this morning in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Tracy Stone-Manning has current views on this one as well. Her husband, Richard Manning, wrote in Harpers that firefighters should let homes built in forests burn. He wrote:

There's a rude and satisfying justice [satisfying justice] in burning down the house of someone who builds in the forest.

Now, Tracy Stone-Manning is not responsible for the views of her husband. But last September, as wildfires burned last year—and we had hearings on those—she actually endorsed her husband's views on letting it burn and letting the houses burn. In a tweet, she called her husband's comments a clarion call. It wasn't 30 years ago. It is about 10 months ago. Tracy Stone-Manning endorsed her husband's call to action that homes in the forest should be allowed to burn.

There are currently wildfires burning in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. All of these States have BLM lands. This year's largest fire, the Bootleg fire, has burned over 400,000 acres, 7 homes, and more than 40 other buildings. Thousands of homes are still threatened.

This year, around 2 million acres have burned so far in the Western States. Last year alone, wildfires

burned and damaged over 17,000 structures.

And what do they call it—what does her husband call it, and what does she tweet about? "Satisfying justice in burning down the house."

How can Senate Democrats vote to confirm a nominee who has advocated to let the homes of their own constituents burn?

These views are disturbing and dangerous. President Biden has made the threat of domestic terrorism a focus of his administration. His own National Security Council recently released a strategy to address domestic terrorism. It specifically includes the threat of domestic environmental terrorists. But he has nominated someone who admitted to conspiring with terrorists.

Every Senator needs to consider carefully if they want their name associated with Tracy Stone-Manning. All 10 Republicans on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee have asked President Biden to withdraw the nomination. We all voted against her nomination last week during a committee business meeting.

She conspired with ecoterrorists. She lied to the Senate. She still holds radically reprehensible views.

Tracy Stone-Manning should never be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. The Senate must reject her nomination. I strongly oppose her nomination and urge each and every Member to do the same.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, in Montana, public lands are a way of life. They create thousands of jobs; they bring billions of dollars into our State; and they form the backbone of our outdoor heritage.

Today—today—we have an opportunity to take another important step forward in putting a real public servant who will hold herself accountable to the taxpayer once confirmed to lead the Bureau of Land Management.

I know Tracy Stone-Manning. Tracy Stone-Manning is a tireless advocate for the outdoor spaces that make Montana special. She is a collaborative—collaborative—responsible leader, and at the BLM she will bring nonpartisan stewardship to our Nation's greatest treasures.

Tracy is dedicated to smart management of our public lands. She is dedicated to the habitat and to the outdoors and is one of the hardest working people that I know.

But, unfortunately, Members of this body have played politics with her nomination. They have dragged a good person's name through the muck in a cynical smear campaign ginned up by folks who would rather play politics than see a qualified, competent woman running the Bureau of Land Management.

Now, it is particularly galling that these same folks stood by silently—or, worse, cheered—as William Perry